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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED
STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated July 27, 2005, applicant is submitting herewith the required *Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.*

Also enclosed herewith is a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) as requested.

Attached is a check in the amount of \$65.00 in payment of the small entity surcharge for the late filing of the Declaration as required by the filing of this Response. The Commissioner is

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Respectfully submitted,

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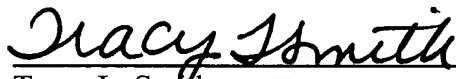
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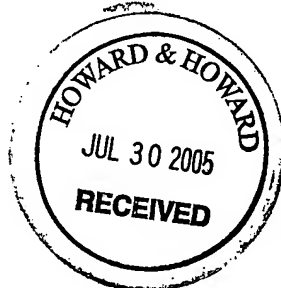
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/20/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/20/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 01/20/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 01/20/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/20/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 01/20/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$65 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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